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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A miter saw comprising:

a base assembly;

a table rotatably attached to the base assembly;

a saw assembly pivotably attached to the table; and

a wear ring non-fixedly disposed between the base assembly and the table, the wear ring having a substantially L-shaped cross-section, said wear ring not having any movable portions disposed between the table and base assembly.

Claim 2 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the wear ring is made of steel.

Claim 3 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the wear ring is made of metal.

Claim 4 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the base assembly has a substantially circular well.

Claim 5 (original): The miter saw of Claim 4, wherein the wear ring is disposed on the well.

Claim 6 (original): The miter saw of Claim 4, further comprising a wall extending from the well, defining a channel.

Claim 7 (original): The miter saw of Claim 6, wherein the wear ring is disposed in the channel.

Claim 8 (canceled).

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Claim 9 (original): A miter saw comprising:

a base assembly;

a table rotatably attached to the base assembly;

a saw assembly pivotably attached to the table;

a fixed fence attached to the base assembly; and

a sliding fence slidably attached to the fixed fence, the sliding fence having at least one hole for fixing an end stop fixture thereto.

Claim 10 (original): The miter saw of Claim 9, wherein the hole is about 3/16 of an inch.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).

Claim 12 (original): The miter saw of Claim 11, wherein the hole is about 3/16 of an inch.

Claim 13 (original): A chop saw comprising:

a base assembly; and

a saw assembly pivotably attached to the base assembly, the saw assembly comprising an upper blade guard, a plate rotatably attached to the upper blade guard, a lower blade guard rotatably attached to the plate, and a screw engaging the upper blade guard for fixing the plate;

wherein at least one of the upper blade guard and plate have a first tab extending outwardly a first distance near the screw, the screw being required to be moved a second distance longer than the first distance in order to pivot the plate, the second distance being longer than distance between the lower blade guard and the upper blade guard.

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Claim 14 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly which contacts the upper blade guard upon pivoting of the plate.

Claim 15 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly and defining a channel, the upper blade guard extending into the channel.

Claim 16 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly towards a blade.